

House Resolution No. 3888

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have patriotically answered the call to national service through their enlistment in the Missouri National Guard; and

Whereas, Thomas Henson has attained considerable distinction as a citizen soldier who is a member of the Army National Guard's 203rd Engineer Battalion which was mobilized to active duty during 2003 and sent to Iraq and Afghanistan in the fight against terrorism and tyranny wherever it may be found; and

Whereas, after more than one year of service overseas, Thomas Henson and the other soldiers and officers of the 203rd Battalion returned home on Thursday, July 22, 2004, to the welcoming arms of their families, friends, and civilian colleagues; and

Whereas, in addition to welcome home ceremonies which were held on July 22 and July 23, 2004, members of the 203rd Battalion will receive local expressions of appreciation during an additional ceremony which will be held on August 24, 2004, at EFCO Corporation in Monett; and

Whereas, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Koonce and Command Sergeant Major Richard Huston, the 203rd Engineer Battalion consists of a Headquarters Support Company in Joplin with detachments in Neosho and Fort Leonard Wood, Company A in Springfield with detachments in Anderson and Clinton, Company B in Saint Peters with a detachment in Carthage, and Company C in Monett with a detachment in Pierce City:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Thomas Henson and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his stellar performance while serving in the United States military overseas and our sincerest congratulations upon his safe return to family and friends; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Thomas Henson of Aurora, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry Gene Taylor
District No. 68

Representative Jack Goodman
District No. 132

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3888, adopted August 19, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker